

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-49 are pending, with Claims 7-8, 20-21, 32-33 and 36-49 being withdrawn. Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1-8, 13, 29-34 and 36-52 are canceled and claims 9-12 are amended, leaving claims 9-12 and 14-28 pending with claims 9-12, 14, 27 and 28 being independent. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing or to credit any overpayment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-6, 13, 34 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by US Pub. 2006/0004446 to Aharoni et al.

Claims 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by US Patent 5,391,202 to Lipshitz.

Claims 31 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Lipshitz patent.

Applicant respectfully disagrees, but to expedite prosecution, claims 1-6, 13, 34 and 50 have been canceled.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-6, 9-19, 22-31, 34, 35, 50 and 51 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application nos. 11/038,320 and 10/445,788.

Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, terminal disclaimer statements for the two copending applications are submitted with this response. For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that these provisional rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 9-12 have been rewritten into independent form, including all the subject matter from the independent base claim.

Additionally, claims 1-6, 13, 29-31, 34, 50 and 51 have been canceled.

Therefore, since the Double Patenting rejection should be withdrawn and the remaining pending claims, 9-12, 14-19 and 22-28, are not subject to any art based rejections, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable.

Withdrawn Claims

Claims 7-8, 20-21, 32-33 and 36-49 have been withdrawn.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees, claims 7, 8, 32, 33 and 36-49 have been canceled to expedite prosecution.

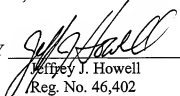
Claims 20 and 21 depend from independent claim 14, which is allowable over the cited prior art and is subject to the terminal disclaimer filed herewith. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20 and 21 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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